

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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- 5 1. A plastic bag, comprising:
first and second opposing panels fixedly connected to each other along a pair of sides and a bottom bridging said pair of sides, said sides and said bottom defining a receptacle space having a mouth formed opposite said bottom; and
a bottom header including a first header panel extending downward from said first body panel, said bottom header including an opening for mounting the plastic bag to a dispensing post.

10 2. The plastic bag of claim 1, wherein said bottom header includes a second header panel extending downward from said second body panel, said opening being formed in said first and second header panels.

15 3. The plastic bag of claim 2, wherein said first and second header panels are extruded with said respective first and second body panels.

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20 4. The plastic bag of claim 3, wherein said first and second header panels are detachably connected to said respective first and second body panels along respective preferential areas of weakness.

5. The plastic bag of claim 4, wherein said preferential areas of weakness include perforation lines generally parallel to said bottom.

25 6. The plastic bag of claim 4 further including a reclosable fastener extending along said mouth.

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30 7. The plastic bag of claim 6, wherein said reclosable fastener includes a zipper and a slider mounted to said zipper for movement between a closed position and an open position, said zipper having a first track with a first profile and a second track with a second profile, said first and second profiles being releasably engageable to each other, said first and second profiles being engaged to each other while said slider

is in said closed position, said first and second profiles being disengaged from each other in response to movement of said slider from said closed position to said open position.

Sub A3 5 8. A plastic bag, comprising:

first and second opposing panels fixedly connected to each other along a pair of sides, a primary bottom, and a secondary bottom, said primary and secondary bottoms extending between said pair of sides, said sides and said secondary bottom defining a receptacle space having a mouth formed opposite said secondary bottom; and

10 a bottom header disposed between said primary and secondary bottoms and including first and second opposing header panels, said first header panel being extruded with and extending downward from said first body panel, said second header panel being extruded with and extending downward from said second body panel, said bottom header including an opening for mounting the plastic bag to a dispensing post.

8 8. The plastic bag of claim 8, wherein said first and second body panels are thermally fused to each other along a seal line parallel to and spaced away from said primary bottom to form said secondary bottom.

9 10. The plastic bag of claim 8, wherein said first and second header panels are integrally joined to each other along said primary bottom.

Sub A4 25 11. The plastic bag of claim 8, wherein said first and second header panels are detachably connected to said respective first and second body panels along respective preferential areas of weakness.

11 12. The plastic bag of claim 11, wherein said preferential areas of weakness include perforation lines generally parallel to said bottom.

A 13. The plastic bag of claim 8, further including a reclosable fastener extending along said mouth.

Sub A5 5 14. The plastic bag of claim 13, wherein said reclosable fastener includes a zipper and a slider mounted to said zipper for movement between a closed position and an open position, said zipper having a first track with a first profile and a second track with a second profile, said first and second profiles being releasably engageable to each other, said first and second profiles being engaged to each other while said slider is in said closed position, said first and second profiles being disengaged from each other in response to movement of said slider from said closed position to said open position.

15. In a plastic bag including first and second opposing panels fixedly connected to each other along a pair of sides and a bottom bridging said pair of sides, said sides and said bottom defining a receptacle space having an open mouth formed opposite said bottom; and a bottom header having a first header panel extending downward from said first body panel and detachably connected to said first body panel along a first preferential area of weakness, said bottom header having an opening, a method of using said plastic bag comprising the steps of:

20 mounting said plastic bag to a dispensing post with said dispensing post

protruding through said opening;

inserting a food product into said plastic bag via said open mouth;

closing said mouth; and

removing said plastic bag from said dispensing post by detaching said first

25 body panel from said first header panel along said first preferential area of weakness.

30 16. The method of claim 15, wherein said bottom header includes a second header panel extending downward from said second body panel and detachably connected to said second body panel along a second preferential area of weakness, said opening being formed in said first and second header panels, and wherein said step of removing said plastic bag from said dispensing post includes detaching said second

body panel from said second header panel along said second preferential area of weakness.

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